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ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

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It finally happened, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is a reality. On July 20th, the President signed Executive Order #12148 creating FEMA effective July 15, 1979 and making Montana a part of FEMA, Region VIII. Mr. Donald G. Eddy, present Regional Director for FDAA has been appointed Acting Regional Director for our Region. Mr. John Macy was appointed the National Director with Senate confirmation expected any day (more than likely it will have happened by the time you receive this NEWSLETTER).

As with most new things, significant changes will occur which could be good or bad. As of now, I haven't been able to determine anything good! I would hope that after FEMA is organized and operational, we will see good things happening. We must stay alert to make sure that "good" things do happen.

Two "bad" things come to mind with reorganization--loss of the Excess Property Program and some unexpected retirements. Mr. Dave Harrison will retire as of July 31st and Mr. Jack O. Grady, Dave's Chief Assistant and head of Field Services, will retire on August 15th. Both of these fellows, although part of the Federal establishment, really had the State and local interests at heart. They will truly be missed!

The right to receive surplus DOD property through the Excess Property Program, also was lost. We hope only temporarily, but it will take a concentrated effort by all of us to get it back. Why don't you all, right now, let your Senators and Congressman know your needs and wishes. HR 2157 (dual use) and HR 2158 (Excess Property) have been introduced, but seem to be bogged down in Committee some place. HR 4040 also includes these benefits.

Let Mr. John Macy at the National FEMA Office in Washington, D.C. also know how you feel. When you're writing, also make a plug for adequate Federal fundings to support your local efforts through Personnel and Administrative (P&A) Program and for Support Materials funding.

ON THE LOCAL SCENE

CASCADE COUNTY

Every possible precaution was taken recently when a Burlington Northern freight truck carrying a small amount of radioactive material overturned on the Interstate Highway in Cascade County. Of course it wasn't until nearly four hours later that Bill Murray, Cascade County DES Coordinator, and other officials were able to ascertain that the three pound can of radioactive Cobalt 60 paint in the overturned vehicle contained such a small amount of radioactive materials that it would not have been dangerous even under the worst circumstance.

The "Radioactive Materials Inside" placard which was located on the truck's trailer, prompted the Civil Defense alert. A warning placard was not even required on this particular shipment...but one wonders how many other shipments slip through "without" placards that really "do" require one?

MISSOULA COUNTY

A "shelter survey" with a different twist took place recently in Missoula County according to Rick Leavell, Missoula County Coordinator.

Quite a number of Missoula citizens received a letter (with a Department of Defense and Defense Civil Preparedness Agency heading) stating that there was only enough space for about half of the residents of Missoula County and that no more shelters were to be built because of budget restrictions. The letter went on to say..."In keeping with the administration's promotion of citizen involvement at all levels of government, we are asking for your assistance in assigning fallout shelter space."

"Please send us the name of one person you consider worth saving. We also would like to have one reason (in 25 words or less) why they should be given space. The sooner we receive this information, the better the chances are of your request being granted." The letter was signed, "Rick Laevell" of the "Montana Emergency and Disaster Service" in Missoula.

However, the real originator of the letter, who has been charged with a felony in connection with the bogus letter, turned out to be a member of Missoula's Mountain Life Community which has been demonstrating opposition to nuclear weapons. The group has committed other acts of civil disobedience in the Missoula area such as digging symbolic graves on the Missoula County Courthouse lawn.

According to Rick, the letter had various impact in Missoula. To some it was a joke, others were upset and scared by it. One elderly man, not realizing that the letter was a hoax, returned a copy to Rick with the name of one person that he wanted space allocated to. Under "reason" he wrote: "my son".

WELCOME ABOARD

Rocky Nelson.....Effective 5/15/79.....Director.....Garfield County

ON THE LOCAL SCENE (continued)

POWELL COUNTY

Congratulations to Earl Wahl, Powell County Coordinator for expertly handling his "atomic fallout" problem. Seems an elderly woman called Earl to report "atomic fallout" in front of her house which she "knew" was emitting "alpha or gamma rays" because she had read a lot about it. Her son said he'd seen some of the same stuff up in the mountains. She said she called Earl because "the state never does anything". Earl quickly and accurately diagnosed the "fallout" as pollen. Good work Earl! By the way, did it register on your monitoring equipment?

LOCAL "PICRIC ACID" CAMPAIGN

All known quantities of "picric acid" have now been disposed of without incident following an extensive search by local officials of school chemistry labs throughout Montana. Concern over the presence of the acid in schools was raised after an incident back East where School officials there were attempting to destroy some of the crystallized acid when it exploded leaving a three by twenty-five foot crater in the football field. It was found that picric acid was commonly used in high school chemistry classes and could become unstable after being stored for long periods of time.

MONTANA ASSN. OF DISASTER & EMERGENCY SERVICES COORDINATORS

by James Kraft, State President

REPORT ON USCDC REGION 6 CONFERENCE

Montana members attending the conference were Bill Murray, Region 6 Vice Pres.; Jim Kraft, Mike Fleming, Lloyd Heberle, Jim DeTienne and Sam Kelly. Major agenda topics concentrated on hazardous materials. The presentations were based largely on Colorado's program. This was repetitious for many of us, since the state started their 2 day seminars this year using much of the same format and material. However, each of us gained more insight and knowledge on the subject. Other program topics included Hypothermia and the new FEMA organization.

Under USCDC business, Bill Murray was elected for another term as Region 6 Vice President, with Joe Vanderloo (S. Dak.), Pres.-Elect and Marcella Carlson (Iowa) as Sec./Trea. National USCDC dues were discussed. Starting January 1, 1980, the dues will be a flat \$33.00 per year for everyone. For most Montana members, this will be an increase in dues. Each one of us will have to determine the value you want from the \$33.00 membership. Just keep in mind that only through USCDC, are we in business today. USCDC members pointed out to Congress and DCPA over the past years what CD meant to local communities. This included everything from excess property to the matching money for our salaries. So far as I am concerned, \$33.00 is very inexpensive for a voice (or many voices) in Washington. They surely won't listen to us if we're not organized and have no membership.

There are many bills introduced into Congress that affect us. Attached to this news letter is a letter from the USCDC president describing the bills. Civil Defense is getting a lot of people stirred up these days, as you can see by all these bills, so let's keep the pot boiling until we get a program that will do the job. Let each of us write a letter to our Congressman as John Rodgers suggests. Don't delay, write today!



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AN INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL CIVIL DEFENSE ORGANIZATIONS

May 26, 1979

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Dear Member:

I would like to list for you the bills introduced at this time in Congress that effect us in Civil Defense.

Senator Javitts of N. Y. has introduced an amendment to S588 and also had the same introduced to HR 2480. This has to do with "excess property" properly known as the Project Loan Program. This amendment would allow the Agency for International Development (AID) to acquire more excess property for overseas shipment. This comes at a time when we, the local directors are being cut out of the program. (We do have bills in Congress that are trying to reinstate us). I ask you to oppose Senator Javitts' amendments. USCDC is in favor of the following bills:

HR 2157 - Congressman Jack Brinkley (D) 3rd Dist. Columbus, Ga.

(Yes) This bill would allow for "duel use" (Natural & Nuclear) in Civil Defense.

HR 2158 - Congressman Jack Brinkley (D) 3rd Dist. Columbus, Ga.

(Yes) This bill will allow the D. O. D. to transfer equipment to F.E.M.A. which in turn would transfer to State and Local.

HR571 - Congressman Donald J. Mitchell (R) 31st Dist. Herkimer, N.Y.

(Yes) This is the same bill that was introduced last year. It has to do with increasing the budget over the next 7 years.

130M for FY 80
180M for FY 81
243M for FY 82
283M for FY 83
293M for FY 84
393M for FY 85
375M for FY 86

HR 2704 - Congressman Ike Skelton (D) 4th Dist. Lexington, Mo.

(Yes) This bill is very similar to the Mitchell Bill above.



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HR 456 - Congressman Elwood R. Hillis (R) 5th Dist.
Kokomo, Mich.

(Yes) This bill fosters the dual use concept and also increases matching funds from 50% to 75%.

You will notice I did not go into details on these bills. I am asking you to get copies of these bills from your Senators & Congressmen, read them over for details and then please write to your Senators & Congressmen asking for their backing or opposing as in the Senator Javitts amendment.

I ask you also to send to me a copy of their reply and I in turn will send copies to the legislative chairman.

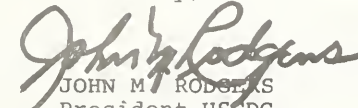
This is most important and I will tell you why. When we are in Washington and try to see Senators and Congressmen we are just representatives of another organization. We do not vote for these gentlemen, you do. If we can walk into a Senator's or Congressman's office with letters that he wrote to voters in his district and tell him that we are representing you, then we will be seen and listened to.

We have done this before with great success, so please help me help this council.

There was much delay in Washington in the appointment of FEMA Staff and the bringing in the various agencies & depts. over which we have no control, but we do have some control over bills introduced which affect us. So let us not sit back and blame one another when we can step forward and congratulate one another.

Depending on your help.

Sincerely,


JOHN M. RODGERS
President USCDC

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STATE \$750,000 EMERGENCY & DISASTER FUND

Per State Law, during a biennium, the Governor may authorize general fund expenditures up to \$750,000 to meet contingencies and emergencies arising from disasters within the State.

Winter storms and spring floods during the first year of the biennium totally depleted the \$750,000.00. With the advent of another terrible winter, it was necessary for this Office to instigate a request to the '79 legislature for an additional appropriation for the biennium. After an arduous fight to convince the members of this Legislature that our local political subdivisions did indeed need additional assistance from the State in their fight against the elements, we received a \$1.1 million dollar supplemental appropriation. Political subdivisions receiving assistance during this last biennium are as follows:

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DISASTER</u>	<u>APPV'D PROJECT</u>
Blaine Co.	'78 Winter Storm	156,961.00
Carter Co.	'78 Winter Storm	76,008.00
"	'79 Winter Storm	95,672.00
Dawson Co.	'78 Winter Storm	31,524.00
"	'79 Winter Storm	75,947.00
Garfield Co.	'78 Winter Storm	114,936.00
"	'79 Winter Storm	88,387.00
Golden Valley Co.	'79 Winter Storm	66,693.00
Judith Basin Co.	'79 Winter Storm	201,825.00
McCone Co.	'78 Winter Storm	14,944.00
"	'79 Winter Storm	15,790.00
Petroleum Co.	'78 Flooding	127,515.00
"	'79 Flooding	92,500.00
Phillips Co.	'78 Winter Storm	121,074.00
Sweet Grass Co.	'79 Winter Storm	34,145.00
Teton Co.	'79 Winter Storm	247,818.00
Valley Co.	'78 Winter Storm	22,350.00
Wibaux Co.	'78 Winter Storm	47,989.00
"	'79 Winter Storm	39,559.00
City of Denton	'79 Flooding	15,339.00
City of Havre	'78 Winter Storm	19,495.00
City of Winnett	'78 Flooding	16,442.00
City of Wolf Point	'78 Winter Storm	10,231.00
Total Assistance 78-79 Biennium:		<u>\$1,733,144.00</u>

TAX RELIEF FOR PROPERTY DESTROYED BY DISASTER

SB 200, passed by the last Legislature, provided tax relief for owners of real property destroyed by natural disaster. The State Department of Revenue will adjust the tax on the basis of the number of days the property existed before its destruction. Natural disaster includes fire, flood, earthquake or wind. Refunds will be paid out of the county general fund. The act was effective on passage and applies to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1978. In the event of a disaster involving the property of a major taxpayer in a relatively small taxing jurisdiction, the effect could be quite significant. Reference: Montana Codes Annotated Section 15-16-601.

STATE, D.C., TERRITORY AND LOCAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEES IN P&A PROGRAM

You're now officially a "statistic" (in the PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATIVE PROGRAM, that is), DCPA's Program Status Report which has just been released dated 9/30/78, lists the following statistics on the number of people employed in the P&A Program since 1961:

Fiscal Year	States, D.C. and Territories			Local Subdivisions			Total		
	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total
1961			1,608			2,030			3,638
1962			1,790			2,595			4,385
1963			1,840			3,172			5,012
1964			1,929			3,417			5,346
1965			1,880			3,556			5,436
1966	1,708	108	1,816	2,405	1,264	3,669	4,113	1,372	5,485
1967	1,696	98	1,794	2,538	1,483	4,021	4,234	1,581	5,815
1968	1,748	81	1,829	2,563	1,570	4,133	4,311	1,651	5,962
1969	1,682	88	1,770	2,580	1,609	4,189	4,262	1,697	5,959
1970	1,609	76	1,685	2,575	1,625	4,200	4,184	1,701	5,885
1971	1,592	81	1,673	2,598	1,765	4,363	4,190	1,866	6,036
1972	1,349	72	1,421	2,511	1,866	4,377	3,860	1,938	5,798
1973	1,386	97	1,483	2,543	1,995	4,538	3,929	2,092	6,021
1974	1,436	70	1,506	2,651	2,062	4,713	4,087	2,132	6,219
1975	1,431	70	1,501	2,654	2,094	4,748	4,085	2,164	6,249
1976	1,321	85	1,406	2,611	2,111	4,722	3,815	2,121	5,936
1977	1,126	84	1,210	2,309	2,000	4,309	3,435	2,084	5,519
1978	1,154	74	1,228	2,302	2,067	4,369	3,456	2,141	5,597

AMERICAN CIVIL DEFENSE ASSOCIATION

The American Civil Defense Association would like to invite all interested persons to attend their "1979 Seminar-Conference" which will be held September 27-29, 1979, in Kansas City, where you will have a chance to see and talk with some of the nation's leading civil defense researchers, writers and speakers--to get straight answers to gut questions! Featured speakers will include: General Daniel Graham, U. S. Representative Ike Skelton, Dr. Edward Teller, Dr. Milan Bodi, U. S. Representative Don Mitchell, Dr. Eugene Wigner and Clarence Kelly, FBI Director.

If you are not familiar with this particular association, it is different than USCDC since it is primarily made up of ex-civil defense personnel from the State and National level, leading authorities from sciences and educational fields, as well as members of the U. S. Congress, whose main interests lie in the nuclear aspect and whose motto is "Civil Defense-Key to Survival". The American Civil Defense Association also publishes the "Journal of Civil Defense" to which many of you may subscribe.

For more information on the Conference, you may contact this office or write direct to: The American Civil Defense Association
P.O. Box 1321
Gainesville, FL 32602
(904) 964-5397

WHAT IS "REACT"?

CB Channel 9 has been reserved by FCC rules for "Emergencies and Motorists' Assistance". "REACT" teams have been organized nationwide to monitor this official Emergency Channel on a 24 hour basis. These local volunteer groups utilize their own equipment to provide this public service. In addition, REACT Teams stand ready to work with all official agencies during local emergencies. REACT International, Inc., has an official Cooperative Understanding with the American National Red Cross whereby REACT Teams cooperate with local Red Cross Chapters. REACT International, Inc., coordinates the program for all 100,000 participants. Each local team benefits from affiliation with a recognized national organization and receives training and programming aids.

Membership in REACT is accomplished only through membership in a REACT Team. Individual membership is not available. Requirements to form a REACT Team are as follows:

1. Establish an effective local REACT Monitor System -- goal must be to monitor the Official Emergency Channel 9, 24-hours a day, 7 days a week.
2. Maintain an active membership of at least five Class D Citizens Radio Operators.
3. Operate at all times in accordance with FCC Rules and all Local, State and Federal regulations.

The current REACT Team Directory lists the following teams in Montana:

<u>Billings</u> :	"Billings Affiliated Monitors"	<u>Libby</u> :	"Lincoln Co REACT"
<u>Butte</u> :	"Butte REACT"	<u>Missoula</u> :	"Missoula REACT"
<u>Eureka</u> :	"93 N. REACT"	<u>Polson</u> :	"Wild Horse REACT"
<u>Great Falls</u> :	"Cascade County REACT"		"Electric City REACT"

For further information and your own copy of the "REACT Team Directory" write:

REACT International, Inc.
Suite 405
75 E. Wacker Drive
Chicago, Ill. 60601

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STATE DES "24 HOUR" ANSWERING SERVICE

Though the State DES Office has a 24 hour Answering Service for our main telephone extension line (449-3034), we find that we may have a problem since that extension works in rotary with three other telephone numbers. So, if 449-3034 is busy, your call will rotate to another number that is not covered by the Answering Service, and during non-working hours will just ring and ring and ring. Therefore, if you have problems reaching anyone on 449-3034, you may call the Answering Service direct at 442-7094.

EXCESS PROPERTY PROGRAM--Defunct???

With the signing of the Executive Order which placed DCPA within the new FEMA organization effective 7/15/79, our authority for Department of Defense (DOD) reutilization property ceased. We have received word that effective immediately, "no further requests for DOD reutilization property can be honored." Property frozen prior to July 15, 1979, but not yet received, will still be transferred.

National DCPA has forwarded to DOD General Counsel, a proposed Bill to be submitted to Congress which would authorize the donation of all DOD reutilization property now on loan (but it doesn't ask for reinstatement of the program). Please be aware that until new Legislation is passed, title of all the Excess Property still remains with the Federal Government.

Looks like DCPA has literally "washed their hands" of the program, so now it's up to each of us to apply the necessary pressures on our Congressional delegation to try to reinstate the program!

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THE BROADCAST STATION PROTECTION PROGRAM

There is a 100% Federal funding program for modification, equipment and maintenance of EBS stations throughout the Nation. These projects are handled from the Federal Regional level direct with the local EBS stations. Following is a recap of Montana's projects that have been approved under FY79 funding:

<u>STATION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TYPE OF EQUIPMENT OR REPAIR</u>
KCAP	Helena, MT.	Additional Equipment for State EBS Relay System
KGEZ	Kalispell, MT	Emergency Generator
KATL	Miles City, MT	Programming Equipment
KVCK	Wolf Point, MT	Shelter Repair

The status of Federal efforts to provide EMP (Electro-magnetic Pulse) protection for our EBS stations is as follows:

1. KGEZ - Kalispell.....EMP Survey completed, now being reviewed,
KATL - Miles City EMP retrofit being designed and bill of
KVCK - Wolf Point necessary materials prepared.
2. KSEN - Shelby.....EMP Agreement is signed
3. KLCP - Libby.....EMP installation started
KFLN - Baker
KMON - Great Falls
4. KGHL - Billings.....EMP installation completed
KCAP - Helena

RADEF NEWS

EMT CREDITS GRANTED FOR RADIOLOGICAL MONITORING COURSE

DCPA's "Information Bulletin" No. 304 dated April 17, 1979, discussed the credits now being granted by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians to individuals who complete a "16 hour" Radiological Monitoring Course". Montana dropped the "16 hour" RM Course years ago since it was difficult to get participants for that length of time. We now offer a 4-hour course, instead.

The State Emergency Medical Services Bureau plans to distribute information on this proposed course in their Newsletter, so you may receive inquiries from your area EMT's. If interest is shown at the local level for a "16-hour Course", we'll do our best to develop one. Please let us know.

MOBDES SCHOOL TOUR COURSES AVAILABLE

Our new "FEMA" Regional Office in Denver will be conducting Radiological Monitoring Courses which have been modified to include hazardous materials orientation and the development of county or city RADEF Plans during the period of September 10-14 and 24-28, 1979, for MOBDES personnel. Apparently a number of mandays have been made available to the Air Reserve Personnel Center (ARPC/DPRM) for Mobilization Designee School Tours which must be used by September 30, 1979. Because of the time element, invitational letters are being mailed by Region directly to the individual MOBDES personnel the later part of July. The letter explains procedures for MOBDES who are interested. Their application (AF Form 1289) is to be mailed direct to "FEMA" to expedite processing of orders. The course, scheduled for four and one-half days, is supplementary to and not just a repeat of RADEF training previously received. Those reservists who attended the January MOBDES training course are not eligible.

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STATE STAFF UPDATE

We are pleased to announce that Moneisa Magnuson, who was previously employed as secretary for the NCP Planners, has been promoted to the Assistant Planner's position. Moneisa came to us with a medical background and vast experience in statistical and technical record keeping which we feel will be a great asset in handling the assistant planner's position.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Roy Ryan, our State Training Officer is back and just as "rotten" as ever after his open heart surgery! He wanted me to thank the Local Coordinator's Association for the gift that he received while recuperating. Actually, he said to tell you all that he's still "sick" (in the head, mainly), so keep those gifts coming! (I told you he was as rotten as ever!)

ATTENTION LOCAL DES COORDINATORS

A Law passed by the 1979 Legislature provides for the privacy of persons and makes it illegal for this Office to compose and distribute our Directory of County Disaster & Emergency Service Coordinators without first securing the permission of those individuals on the list.

We would therefore appreciate completion and return of the following "Permission Slip" so that we can update and distribute our Directory. Distribution of the listing will be restricted to agencies of the Federal, State and Local government and/or volunteer organizations involved in disaster preparedness.

If you have any questions concerning this request or are concerned about having your name in our Directory, please contact the State Office. Otherwise, we would appreciate return of the attachment by August 17, 1979.

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PLEASE RETURN TO: Disaster & Emergency Services Division
 State of Montana
 P.O. Box 4789
 Helena, MT 59601

Permission is hereby granted to publish the following business address and phone numbers in the Montana Directory of County Disaster & Emergency Service Coordinators. I understand that this list will only be distributed to agencies of the Federal, State and Local governments and/or volunteer organizations involved in disaster preparedness.

_____ (Signature)	_____ (County)
Business Address: _____	

Business Phone: _____	
Home Phone: _____	
Date: _____	

